

Minutes

To: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

From: Ben Wenograd, Chairperson

Date: February 21, 2017

Subject: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE: Ben Wenograd, Denise Hall, Dallas Dodge, Ron Van Winkle, John Phillips, Mark McGovern, Todd Dumais

Agenda

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Tuesday, February 21, at 5:30pm, in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

1. Bees

The Committee discussed a draft ordinance to allow home owners to keep bees.

2. Experiential zoning

The staff continues to work on this ordinance and has not yet completed its work.

3. Planning initiatives

The Town Planner reviewed the presentation on the West Hartford Center BC zone. We had a very successful well attended community forum on zoning in the BC zone. The Survey had over 700 responses. The working group will meet next week and a second community forum is schedule for March. He also reviewed the status of the New Park Avenue study a final report will be issued soon. Finally Mark McGovern updated the committee on the proposed residential development of the Gledhill nursery site.

4. Public Works update

John Phillips discussed the problems they are having plowing poorly maintained private streets. The town has budgeted \$1 million for snow this year. The first storm was on October 29th and since then we have had 25 snow/ice events and have expended 80% of our adopted budget.

5. Air BNB

The Committee discussed the problems we are having with the commercial uses of residences for the "sharing economy". We are looking at ways in which these uses might be permitted. The Committee asked to see examples of ordinances that other communities have adopted.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Patrick Alair, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors